

CARR-1240

1932

Youth Center

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

The Youth Center was constructed as a cow barn in 1932. It was converted into adolescent housing in the mid-1960's. The three story, concrete building measures fourteen bays long and three bays deep. Two silos frame the north wall. A gambrel roof covers the barn.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cow Barn

and/or common Youth Center

2. Location Springfield Hospital Center

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Sykesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 6

state Maryland _____ county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Hospital

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.: 301-225-6816

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex, Rm G-8 liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Youth Center was constructed as a cow barn in 1932 and then was later converted into the Youth Center in 1967. The three story barn lies directly south of the Dairy Barn. The Youth Center is a long, rectangular barn measuring fourteen bays long and three bays wide. A bellcast gambrel roof covers the barn. Like the other two barns, the first floor of the Youth Center is constructed of stucco over cast concrete while second floor is covered with synthetic clapboard siding.

The details on the barn remain simple. The first floor windows show an 8/8 double-hung sash with a wooden and cement jack arch lintel. Just below the windows, a cement string course runs across the facade. The east and west walls are adorned with one three windows on each second floor. The sash changes to a 6/6 pattern but the rest of the window treatment repeats. The east and west walls also display two shed dormers. The windows are paired and have a single sash of five panes. The crest of the roof is adorned by two cupolas with gambrel roofs and louvered faces.

The north wall of the building has two silos attached at the corners. Constructed of stucco and concrete, the silos exhibit bellcast roofs. Because of the silos, the wall displays a gable peak with projecting verges between the two silos. The south wall shows the gambrel roof with return eaves and plain projecting verges.

The east wall displays a two story, concrete addition on the northern portion of the wall. The flat roof addition has one second story window of a 6/6 sash and brick sill. The addition serves as a fire escape.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1932 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Built during a rash of construction projects, the Youth Center was constructed as a cow barn in 1932. The construction of the barn coincided with the completion of the milk cooling plant. Both of these projects reflected an expansion of the dairy operation at Springfield. Larger accommodations for the growing herd of milk cows in turn increased the production capacity of the dairy operation. Though not directly related to the care and treatment of the insane, the farm operation greatly contributed to the overall, successful operation of the hospital by providing fresh food products for the patients and employees.

The architecture of the Youth Center only contributes moderately to the built environment of Springfield Hospital Center. The building does not display any significant architectural elements. Unlike the other two Springfield barns, the fenestration of the Youth Center even lacks the use of Palladian openings. The alterations to the building also minimize its integrity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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